



GHSA

“Items of Interest”

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All of Us Must ‘Pay the Price’ for Student-Athlete Wellness

In “History and Philosophy of Education” courses many of us learned that an early concept in the American educational system involved the school operating “in loco parentis” – in the place of the parent. During those early days, that concept was applied to the authority of school personnel to regulate the behavior of students. Over time, however, the application of that concept to school discipline has diminished.

It is interesting to note that school personnel are called upon to fulfill parental roles in ways that were not prevalent in the past. Over time there has been an evolution of responsibilities placed on the educational system to provide services that used to be provided by the family. One such area involves the responsibility to be the “health and safety guardians” of our students. Debates about whether it is the school’s responsibility are non-productive. This responsibility has been thrust upon member schools and state association staff members, and it is doubtful that this trend is reversible.

These tasks given to the educational system involve both school-day and after-school activities. Obviously, the GHSA addresses issues that mainly affect the after-school activities. In recent years, these issues have included such things as Emergency Action Plans, Concussion Management Protocols, Heat Illness Guidelines, Communicable Skin Disease Guidelines, and Steroid Warning Policies. It is important to recognize that these issues never really leave our collective consciousness when a new issue arises. All of these issues continue to be matters that must be addressed by school personnel.

The very nature of athletics makes it impossible to guarantee the safety of every student in every sport. The goal is to minimize the risk to these students with prudent preparation and vigilant supervision. While the American culture may be thrusting this responsibility on the school personnel, there are productive ways to send some of that responsibility back to the students and their families.

An important part of all of the sports medicine issues addressed by the GHSA and by the National Federation of State High School Associations involves an educational piece. Students and their families need to be informed about all of these issues. Preseason meetings with players and parents or guardians should involve the dissemination of information about relevant health and safety considerations. The GHSA and the NFHS are able to provide resource materials on their respective web sites in the “Sports Medicine” areas.

But education of players and their families is not enough. Coaches must be certain to teach techniques that minimize risks, and to be certain that all equipment used in the sport are in good repair and are being used properly. School personnel need to be certain that published guidelines and protocols are being followed. Doing these things involves the expenditure of time and money, but the well-being of our students dictates that we “pay the price.”

– Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director



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STATE CHAMPIONS**WRESTLING - Traditional**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	Archer High School
AAAAA	Pope High School
AAAA	Gilmer High School
AAA	Woodward Academy
AA	Jefferson High School
A	Gordon Lee High School

SWIMMING and DIVING

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

Boys

AAAAAA	Parkview High School
A - AAAAA	Dalton High School

Girls

AAAAAA	Lambert High School
A - AAAAA	Westminster School

Winning a State Championship is an outstanding achievement for the GHSA schools, athletes and coaches, and a distinction that should create a great deal of pride in the community.

PlayOn Announces Subscription Plan

PlayOn! Sports will be moving to a subscription model for select GHSA tournament games and championships that are streamed live on GHSA.tv beginning with this winter's events. Viewers will be charged a subscription fee to watch live coverage of the championship events.

The PlayOn All Access Pass gives immediate access to hundreds of live events across Georgia as well as over 20,000 live high school events across the country on Playonsports.com. The pass is a subscription (daily, weekly or monthly) membership that allows unlimited access to all available live games/events for the time period selected. A share of the proceeds from each purchase goes toward supporting local schools.

All live events available during the subscription window are available for viewing. A **day pass** (\$3.95) purchased on Friday at noon gives access to all games that happen from Friday noon to Saturday noon. A **weekly pass** (\$6.95) gives access to all live content across the site for seven days. And a **monthly pass** (\$9.95) gives 30 days of access.

High schools have to sign up to be a part of the PlayOn! Sports website. If a school isn't appearing on the site, it is likely that it is not signed up to participate in the PlayOn! School Broadcast Program.

For questions and/or feedback, send a message to info@PlayOnSports.com.



GHSA Web Site Now Sports Completely New Look

GHSA.net, the official Website of the Georgia High School Association, recently launched a re-designed look and layout.

The objective of the new site is to improve navigation and add features that enhance communications with coaches, administrators, athletes and fans of the GHSA.

An online high school directory and Constitution and By-Laws were added in the fall during the development phase of the project.

Additional features include a new mobile Website, powerful "Search" function and floating header that follows viewers on the page.

The GHSA welcomes your feedback and will continually strive to improve the web site to meet the needs of the association.

GHSA.net site traffic increased 16% in the Fall of 2012 compared to the the same time period a year ago.

GHSA.net attracted 1,266,867 visits by 685,954 unique viewers from August through December this past fall. These visitors made 4,686,974 pageviews with an average 3:12 minutes per visit.



Molten Offers Promotion to GHSA

Molten is proud to be the official volleyball of the GHSA and happy to announce that member schools can now take advantage of a Buy 11, Get 1 Free Promotional Offer.

Molten's IV58L-3 Super Touch volleyball features the popular red, white, and blue color scheme, premium Japanese leather cover and uni-bladder cotton wrapped construction.

The new partnership, which began with the 2012 volleyball season, includes support for the state championship matches as well as collaboration on a variety of grassroots and social media initiatives.

To learn more about Molten's product line and promotional offers for GHSA member schools, please contact Jeff Zimmerman at zimmerman@moltenusa.com or 800-477-1994, ext. 209.



GHSA Basketball on Web & TV

Georgia Public Broadcasting will televise all 14 championship games of the GHSA State Basketball Tournament live from the Macon Coliseum on March 7-9, 2013.

The AAASP Wheelchair championship game (taped) will air on Saturday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m. GPB began its GHSA basketball broadcast tradition in 1998.

The finals also will stream live on GPB.org/sports and GHSA.tv. Semifinal action on March 1-2 will feature 24 games live on GHSA.tv.

DVDs of finals and semifinals can be purchased at GHSA.tv. The full tournament schedule can be found on GHSA.net.



Swimming & Diving State Champions - 2013



Class AAAAA Boys Champion: Parkview



Class AAAAA Girls Champion: Lambert



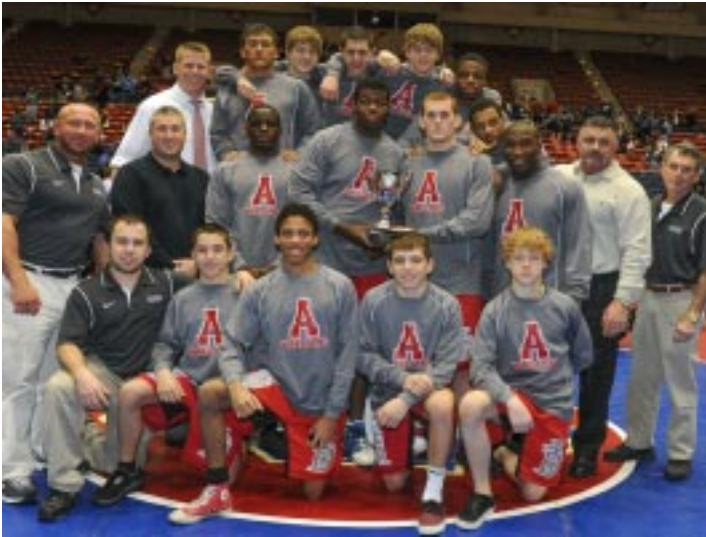
Class A-AAAAA Boys Champion: Dalton



Class A-AAAAA Girls Champion: Westminster

Photographs of the state championship Swimming teams were provided by **River Oak Photography**. Action photos from swimming may be found at RiverOakPhotography.com. Photos of the State Traditional Wrestling champions on the next page were provided by **Georgia Photographics**. Action photos from wrestling may be found and purchased at GHSAPhotos.com.

State Traditional Wrestling Champions - 2013



AAAAAA: Archer Tigers



AAAAA: Pope Greyhounds



AAAA: Gilmer Bobcats



AAA: Woodward Academy War Eagles



AA: Jefferson Dragons



A: Gordon Lee Trojans

GHSA Reminders:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS: Anyone wishing to have an item included on the agenda for the spring State Executive Committee meeting must submit the item to the GHSA office by March 15, 2013. The spring State Executive Committee meeting will be held April 15, 2013 at the Marriott, Macon City Center, in Macon.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES: Coaches and/or Athletic Directors are reminded that 2013 varsity Football Schedules were due in the GHSA office no later than March 1, 2013. If your school has hired a new coach for the 2013 season, please make sure he is made aware of this deadline.

OPEN MEET DEADLINE: Member schools are reminded that April 1, 2013 is the deadline to notify the GHSA of entry in Open Meet State Events such as Volleyball, Lacrosse, Class A Soccer, Wrestling, Riflery and Gymnastics for the school year 2013-2014.

SPRING CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS: Cheerleading practice/tryouts are limited to a maximum of 10 consecutive days per school between February 1 and the last day students are in school. Once tryouts are complete, no further practices may be held until school is out.

DEAD WEEK: The mandatory "Dead Week" for this year is Sunday, June 30, 2013 through Saturday, July 6, 2013.

GHSA Seeks Host Sites

Each year, many schools contribute to the success of the GHSA programs by hosting a region/area or state event as a service to all member schools. The GHSA office soon will be determining sites for events for the 2013-14 year.

Sites are needed for the following events:

- Region Cheerleading
- Area Wrestling (Traditional and/or Team Duals)
- Sectional Wrestling (Traditional)
- Sectional Track
- Sectional Golf and State Golf

If your school would like to host one of the above events, please notify the GHSA office.

GHSA SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

Please insure that the following statement is read as a public address announcement prior to the start of **every GHSA sanctioned contest:**

"The GHSA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student/athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GHSA sanctioned events.

Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the event site.

Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted.

Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today's event."

Home 'Pink' is OK for April 7-12

In observance of cancer awareness week, the GHSA will allow schools to wear "pink" uniforms at their HOME events during the week of April 7-12 for ALL spring sports.

If a school does NOT have a home contest that week, it may request to wear pink at a home contest either the week prior to or the week following April 7-12. Schools should contact their GHSA sports coordinator with this request.

The home team **must** inform the visiting team that pink uniforms will be worn, and the visiting teams must wear their normal "dark" uniforms at these events.

Stay Connected to the GHSA!

For all coaches, athletic directors and teams that are active in social media, the GHSA invites you to follow ("like") the GHSA on [Facebook.com/OfficialGHSA](https://www.facebook.com/OfficialGHSA) and be a fan at [Twitter.com/officialGHSA](https://twitter.com/officialGHSA). Statewide news, association announcements and playoff information are posted daily for interaction with GHSA followers and fans. When Twittering scores of games, please include the tag "@OfficialGHSA" to enable scores to be posted on the GHSA feed.



GHSA Official Balls

Coaches and school administrators are reminded that the GHSA State Executive Committee has approved "Official" balls for all GHSA state playoff events. Listed below are the balls that will be provided for GHSA state playoff events. These balls are effective from now through June 30, 2013.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>
Baseball	WILSON A1010
Basketball	WILSON WAVE Boys: B0610 Girls: B0611
Football	WILSON F1003 or F1005
Soccer	BRINE "Championship"
Softball (optic yellow 12")	WILSON A9011 BSST
Volleyball	MOLTEN IV58L-3-HS "Super Touch"

Schedule for State Literary Meet

The state literary meet for all classifications will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013. Classes AA, AAA and AAAA will be held at Veterans High School, while Classes A, AAAAA and AAAAAA will be at Northside High in Warner Robins. Admission is free to all events. (Note: GHSA Headquarters, Scoring and Awards located in the Cafeteria at both sites.)

Classes AA, AAA and AAAA Veterans High School

Girls Dramatic Interpretation:

AA	9:30 am	Room 2403
AAA	11:00 am	Room 2403
AAAA	1:00 pm	Room 2403

Boys Dramatic Interpretation:

AA	9:30 am	Room 2405
AAA	11:00 am	Room 2405
AAAA	1:00 pm	Room 2405

Girls Extemporaneous Speaking:

AA	8:30 am	Room 1213 (Drawing)
AA	9:30 am	Room 1201 (Speaking)
AAA	10:00 am	Room 1213 (Drawing)
AAA	11:00 am	Room 1201 (Speaking)
AAAA	12:00 pm	Room 1213 (Drawing)
AAAA	1:00 pm	Room 1201 (Speaking)

Boys Extemporaneous Speaking:

AA	8:30 am	Room 1213 (Drawing)
AA	9:30 am	Room 1203 (Speaking)
AAA	10:00 am	Room 1213 (Drawing)
AAA	11:00 am	Room 1203 (Speaking)
AAAA	12:00 pm	Room 1213 (Drawing)
AAAA	1:00 pm	Room 1203 (Speaking)

Boys And Girls Essay:

AA	9:00 am	Media Center
AAA	9:00 am	Media Center
AAAA	9:00 am	Media Center

Girls Solo:

AA	9:00 am	Drama Room 1601
AAA	9:30 am	Choral Room 1602
AAAA	9:30 am	Theater

Boys Solo:

AA	10:15 am	Drama Room 1601
AAA	10:30 am	Choral Room 1602
AAAA	10:45 am	Theater

Girls Trio:

AA	11:15 am	Room TBA
AAA	11:30 am	Choral Room 1602
AAAA	11:45 am	Theater

Boys Quartet:

AA	1:15 am	Drama Room 1601
AAA	1:30 pm	Choral Room 1602
AAAA	1:45 pm	Theater

Classes A, AAAAA and AAAAAA Northside High School, Warner Robins

Girls Dramatic Interpretation:

AAAAAA	9:30 am	Room 902
A	11:00 am	Room 902
AAAAA	1:00 pm	Room 902

Boys Dramatic Interpretation:

AAAAAA	9:30 am	Room 906
A	11:00 am	Room 906
AAAAA	1:00 pm	Room 906

Girls Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAAAAA	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAAA	9:30 am	Room 703 (Speaking)
A	10:00 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
A	11:00 am	Room 703 (Speaking)
AAAAA	12:00 noon	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAA	1:00 pm	Room 703 (Speaking)

Boys Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAAAAA	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAAA	9:30 am	Room 708 (Speaking)
A	10:00 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
A	11:00 am	Room 708 (Speaking)
AAAAA	12:00 noon	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAA	1:00 pm	Room 708 (Speaking)

Boys And Girls Essay:

AAAAAA	9:00 am	Media Center
A	9:00 am	Media Center
AAAAA	9:00 am	Media Center

Girls Solo:

AAAAAA	9:00 am	Band Room
A	9:15 am	Room 1503
AAAAA	9:30 am	Theatre

Boys Solo:

AAAAAA	10:15 am	Band Room
A	10:30 am	Room 1503
AAAAA	10:45 am	Theatre

Girls Trio:

AAAAAA	11:15 am	Band Room
A	11:30 am	Room 1503
AAAAA	11:45 am	Theatre

Boys Quartet:

AAAAAA	1:15 pm	Band Room
A	1:30 pm	Room 1503
AAAAA	1:45 pm	Theatre

Music warmup area is in the Band Room 1603.

GHSA - March Calendar - 2013

March

- 1 Deadline to submit Football Schedules to GHSA office
- 1, 2 Semifinal Round State Basketball Tournament
- 5 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 7-9 Championship Round State Basketball Tournament (all classes)
- 9 Complete Region/Area Literary
- 11 File reports of Literary winners with GHSA by 9 a.m.
- 16 State Literary Meet
- 16 Complete Area Riflery
- 19 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 23 Complete Riflery Sectionals
- 25 File reports of Riflery Sectionals with GHSA and State Meet Director
- 29 Good Friday (GHSA state office closed)
- 30 Complete Riflery Semifinals

April

- 1 Deadline to submit notification of entry in Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Soccer, Volleyball & Wrestling for 2013-14

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